

LAW ENFORCEMENT

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

(Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations)

§ 8365.1 Public lands--general.

The rules in this subsection shall apply to use and occupancy of all public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

Additional rules for developed sites and areas are found in § 8365.2 of this title.

§ 8365.1-1 Sanitation.

- (a) Whenever practicable, visitors shall pack their trash for disposal at home.
- (b) On all public lands, no person shall, unless otherwise authorized:
 - (1) Dispose of any cans, bottles and other nonflammable trash and garbage except in designated places or receptacles;
 - (2) Dispose of flammable trash or garbage except by burning in authorized fires, or disposal in designated places or receptacles;
 - (3) Drain sewage or petroleum products or dump refuse or waste other than wash water from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for that purpose;
 - (4) Dispose of any household, commercial or industrial refuse or waste brought as such from private or municipal property;
 - (5) Pollute or contaminate water supplies or water used for human consumption; or
 - (6) Use a refuse container or disposal facility for any purpose other than for which it is supplied.

§ 8365.1-2 Occupancy and use.

On all public lands, no person shall:

- (a) Camp longer than the period of time permitted by the authorized officer; or
 - (b) Leave personal property unattended longer than 10 days (12 months in Alaska), except as provided under § 8365.2-3(b) of this title, unless otherwise authorized.
- Personal property left unattended longer than 10 days (12 months in Alaska), without permission of the authorized officer, is subject to disposition under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 484(m)).

§ 8365.1-3 Vehicles.

- (a) When operating a vehicle on the public lands, no person shall exceed posted speed limits, willfully endanger persons or property, or act in a reckless, careless or negligent manner.
- (b)(1) The operator of a motor vehicle is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle in motion, unless the operator and each front seat passenger is restrained by a properly fastened safety belt that conforms to applicable United States Department of Transportation standards, except that children, as defined by State law, shall be restrained as provided by State law.
- (2) Paragraph (b) applies on public lands, or portions thereof, that are located within a State in which there is no State law in effect that requires the mandatory use of a safety belt by the vehicle operator and any front seat passenger. It also applies on public lands, or portions thereof, located within a State in which the mandatory safety belt law of the State does not apply to the public lands or in which any provision of State law renders the mandatory safety belt law of the State unenforceable by the authorized officer as to acts or omissions occurring on the public lands.

- (3) This section does not apply to an operator or a passenger of a motor vehicle occupying a seat that was not originally equipped by the manufacturer with a safety belt, nor does it apply to an operator or passenger with a medical condition that prevents restraint by a safety belt or other occupant restraining device.
- (4) An authorized officer may not stop a motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of paragraph (b)(1) of this section is being committed.

§ 8365.1-4 Public health, safety and comfort.

- (a) No person shall cause a public disturbance or create a risk to other persons on public lands by engaging in activities which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Making unreasonable noise;
 - (2) Creating a hazard or nuisance;
 - (3) Refusing to disperse, when directed to do so by an authorized officer;
 - (4) Resisting arrest or issuance of citation by an authorized officer engaged in performance of official duties; interfering with any Bureau of Land Management employee or volunteer engaged in performance of official duties; or
 - (5) Assaulting, committing a battery upon, or
 - (6) Knowingly giving any false or fraudulent report of an emergency situation or crime to any Bureau of Land Management employee or volunteer engaged in the performance of official duties.
- (b) No person shall engage in the following activities on the public lands:
 - (1) Cultivating, manufacturing, delivering, distributing or trafficking a controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S.C. 802(6) and 812 and 21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15, except when distribution is made by a licensed practitioner in accordance with applicable law. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery means the actual, attempted or constructive transfer of a controlled substance whether or not there exists an agency relationship; or
 - (2) Possessing a controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S.C. 802(6) and 812 and 21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15, unless such substance was obtained, either directly or pursuant to a valid prescription or order or as otherwise allowed by Federal or State law, by the possessor from a licensed practitioner acting in the course of professional practice.

§ 8365.1-5 Property and resources.

- (a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:
 - (1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;
 - (2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or
 - (3) Use on the public lands explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.
- (b) Except on developed recreation sites and areas, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the public lands reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:
 - (1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;
 - (2) Nonrenewable resources such as rocks, mineral specimens, common invertebrate fossils and semiprecious gemstones;
 - (3) Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;
 - (4) Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and
 - (5) Forest products for use in campfires on the public lands. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the public lands for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an authorized officer in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

§ 8365.1-6 Supplementary rules. (LINK)

The State Director may establish such supplementary rules as he/she deems necessary. These rules may provide for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources. No person shall violate such supplementary rules.

- (a) The rules shall be available for inspection in each local office having jurisdiction over the lands, sites or facilities affected;
- (b) The rules shall be posted near and/or within the lands, sites or facilities affected;
- (c) The rules shall be published in the Federal Register; and
- (d) The rules shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected vicinity, or be made available to the public by such other means as deemed most appropriate by the authorized officer.

§ 8365.1-7 State and local laws.

Except as otherwise provided by Federal law or regulation, State and local laws and ordinances shall apply and be enforced by the appropriate State and local authorities. This includes, but is not limited to, State and local laws and ordinances governing:

- (a) Operation and use of motor vehicles, aircraft and boats;
- (b) Hunting and fishing;
- (c) Use of firearms or other weapons;
- (d) Injury to persons, or destruction or damage to property;
- (e) Air and water pollution;
- (f) Littering;
- (g) Sanitation;
- (h) Use of fire;
- (i) Pets;
- (j) Forest products; and
- (k) Caves.